

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the Claims:

1 (original). A liquid composition for oral use containing a calcium compound and an acidulant characterised in that calcium is present in the range of 0.3 to 0.55 mol per mol of acid and that the proportion of calcium and acidulant in the composition is selected so that the pH of the composition is from 3.5 to 4.5.

2 (original). A composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the calcium is present in an amount of at least 0.4 mol per mol of acid.

3 (previously presented). A composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the pH of the composition is not more than 4.

4 (previously presented). A composition as claimed in Claim 1 in which the pH is from 3.7 to 3.9.

5 (previously presented). A composition as claimed in Claim 1 in which the acid is citric acid or malic acid or lactic acid or mixtures thereof.

6 (previously presented). A composition as claimed in Claim 1 in which the calcium compound is calcium carbonate, calcium hydroxide, calcium citrate, calcium malate, calcium lactate, calcium chloride, calcium glycerophosphate or calcium formate.

7 (previously presented). A composition as claimed in Claim 1 which is a beverage.

8 (previously presented). A composition as claimed in claim 7 in which the beverage is a still fruit drink, or a carbonated soft drink or health drink.

9 (previously presented). A composition as claimed in claim 8 in which the health drink is a blackcurrant juice drink or a vitamin added beverage.

10 (previously presented). A composition as claimed in Claim 1 which is a drink concentrate for the preparation of a beverage.

11 (original). A composition as claimed in claim 10 which is a concentrate for a fruit drink or health drink.

12 (previously presented). A composition as claimed in Claim 1 which is an oral healthcare composition.

13 (original). A composition as claimed in claim 12 which is a mouthwash.

14 (Currently amended). A method of using calcium as a tooth erosion inhibitor in an acidic liquid composition for oral use, in a human in need thereof, which method comprises adding a calcium compound and an acidulant, to the composition wherein the calcium is present in the range of 0.3 to 0.8 mol per mol of acid, and the amount of calcium and acidulant in the composition is selected so that the pH of the composition is from 3.5 to 4.5, and administering the composition orally to said human.

15 (previously presented). The method as claimed in claim 14 in which the calcium is present in an amount of at least 0.4 mol per mol of acid.

16 (currently amended). The method Use as claimed in claim ~~14~~ ~~or 15~~ in which the pH of the composition is not more than 4.

17 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 14 in which the pH of the composition is from 3.7 to 3.9.

18 (previously presented). The method as claimed in Claim 14 in which the acidic liquid composition is beverage.

19 (previously presented). A process for preparing a composition as claimed in claim 1 which comprises adding a calcium compound to an acidic liquid oral composition so that calcium is present in the range of 0.3 to 0.55 mol per mol of acid, and if necessary or desired adjusting the pH by addition of an alkali so that the pH of the composition is from 3.5 to 4.5.

20 (original). A process as claimed in claim 19 in which the acidic liquid composition is a natural juice drink concentrate.

21 (original). A method of reducing tooth erosion properties of an acidic oral composition which comprises adding a calcium compound to the acidic liquid oral composition so that calcium is present in the range of 0.3 to 0.55 mol per mol of acid, and if necessary or desired by adjusting the pH by addition of an alkali so that the pH of the composition is from 3.5 to 4.5.

22 (original). A method as claimed in claim 21 in which the acidic liquid composition is a natural fruit juice drink concentrate.